

## PAUL WROTE THE THESSALONIANS FROM CORINTH

- I. THE BIRTH OF THE CHURCH IN JERUSALEM (chapters 1-2)
- II. THE GROWTH OF THE CHURCH IN JERUSALEM (chapters 3-7)
- III. THE CHURCH'S WITNESS FOR CHRIST IN JUDEA, SAMARIA, AND SYRIA (chapters 8-12)
- IV. THE CHURCH'S WITNESS TO THE REST OF THE WORLD (chapters 13-28)

### A. The Apostle Commends the Thessalonian Church (1 Thess. 1)

1. Paul constantly gave \_\_\_\_\_ for these believers while persistently \_\_\_\_\_ for them. (v. 2)
  
2. The stimulus for giving thanks was remembering their (v. 3) ...
  - a. \_\_\_\_\_ produced by \_\_\_\_\_
  
  - b. \_\_\_\_\_ motivated by \_\_\_\_\_
  
  - c. \_\_\_\_\_ encouraged by \_\_\_\_\_
  
3. The apostle described how the missionaries ministered among the believers in Thessalonica, the gospel came to them (v. 5) ...
  - a. in \_\_\_\_\_
  
  - b. in \_\_\_\_\_
  
  - c. in the \_\_\_\_\_
  
  - d. in \_\_\_\_\_ assurance
  
  - e. by men with \_\_\_\_\_

4. The Thessalonians had received the Word of God while under great \_\_\_\_\_, but yet with \_\_\_\_\_; on top of that, they were incredible \_\_\_\_\_ throughout all of Macedonia. (vv. 6-8)

**B. The Apostle Answers the Outside Critics and Defends His Ministry (1 Thess. 2:1-12)**

1. The missionary team came to Thessalonica nursing \_\_\_\_\_ from Philippi; yet they \_\_\_\_\_ *“the Gospel of God in much conflict.”* (v. 2)
2. Their motives in ministry were not \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 3), nor \_\_\_\_\_ pleasers (v. 4); they didn't use \_\_\_\_\_ words, nor was their ministry a pretense for \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 5).
3. The missionaries were \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ among these believers, they had not only given them the Gospel, but also their very own \_\_\_\_\_. (vv. 7-8)
4. The missionary team actually worked on the side to support themselves (v. 9), all the while conducting themselves in a \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ manner (v. 10).
5. Paul and his comrades “\_\_\_\_\_ and comforted and \_\_\_\_\_” these believers in a fatherly way to “\_\_\_\_\_ of God.” (vv. 11-12)

\* What can you personally apply from this overview study?